



A New Historical and Devotional  
Résumé of Fatima  
By Rev. Joseph Cacella

## HOW TO MAKE A NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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There is no hard and fast rule as to the method to be followed in making this novena. The only thing that is essential is to say at least five decades of the Rosary every day for nine days in succession. If you say five decades each day, then on the first day you should meditate on the Joyful Mysteries, on the second day the Sorrowful Mysteries, and on the third day the Glorious Mysteries. Then for the next three days of the novena, repeat in the same order, and again, on the last three days. In this manner you will have said the whole Rosary (fifteen decades) three times in making the novena.

In other pages of this booklet will be found meditations on each and all of the fifteen mysteries. It would be well to follow these thoughts for your meditation on the mysteries, unless you have other meditations that you prefer.

All who can do so should go to Holy Communion frequently, daily if possible, when making the novenas. Make spiritual Communions every day, for spiritual Communions are a great means of keeping the soul lovingly united to God.

The indulgence for making a novena in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary is an indulgence of five years once each day for nine days and a plenary indulgence when the novena is completed. Every time you recite five decades of the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar or reserved in the tabernacle, you gain a plenary indulgence. This indulgence can be gained by all the faithful on the usual conditions of making confession and receiving Holy Communion. The confession may be made within eight days before or after the Rosary visits, and confession every two weeks may suffice for the obligation of confession. Holy Communion may be received the day before or eight days after the visits.

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REPORT ALL FAVORS RECEIVED  
THRU THE INTERCESSION OF  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOOK "THE STORY OF FATIMA"

Dear Friend in Our Lady of Fatima:

Another and important phase of the Message of Fatima is being brought to you, in this compilation, that of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I have spent many long months on this compilation, that nothing but the best for the Immaculate Heart would be brought to you. This has entailed severe and numerous inconveniences and sacrifices, which are humbly offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — Our Lady of Fatima.

For your convenience, the compilation contains exercises for public and private use, as well as many suitable prayers for the devotion. Short meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary are given to better enable you to make the First Saturdays.

Sincerely yours in the Immaculate Heart,

**Rt. Rev. Msgr Joseph Cacella.**



Please pray for the success of my  
humble work.



# PRAY THE ROSARY



Please, report all favors received through  
Our Lady of Fatima.



# THE STORY OF FATIMA

By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Cacella

**PLACE:** Fatima, Portugal

**PARTICIPANTS:** An Angel, Lucy and her cousins, Francis and Jacinta.

The beginning of the wonderful story of Fatima goes back to the second year of World War I (1914-1918). And these wondrous events to be related herein occurred in a place adjacent to the village of Fatima in the diocese of Leiria, Portugal, about 60 miles distant from Lisbon. Here lived three little children: Lucy, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta, the Future Seers of Fatima.

It is 1916, and the world is in the throes of World War I. It was a war of devastation, destruction and death. The sins of a modern world had become too great and had provoked Divine Justice. But Mary, Our Mother, moved with pity, interceded with her Divine Son. She deigned to visit this war-stricken world, to admonish and warn it that it must return to God.



*Our Lady of Fatima*

## ANGELIC REPARATION

Ever solicitous for the welfare of her earthly children, Mary wished to prepare the way for her apparitions by sending an Angel to the scene that she had elected to visit. The

intended scene of her visitations was Fatima. Thus, in the second year of the first World War, the future Seers of Fatima were attending to the sheep of their parents on a nearby hill called Cabeço. They could neither read nor write, but they knew their prayers through the constant teachings of truly Christian parents.

On this spring day as the noon-day Angelus bell tolled, they knelt, as was their custom, and recited the Rosary. A violent gust of wind caused them to raise their heads, and they beheld a beautiful white cloud approaching. Suddenly it assumed a human form, resembling a statue of snow, which the sun made transparent, like crystal. As the form drew nearer, the children recognized it to be a young man of superhuman beauty. It was the Angel of Peace — the advance guard of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions with her Message to the world.

The Angel calmed the frightened children, telling them not to be afraid: **"I am the Angel of Peace",** he said, **"Pray with me."** Then kneeling, he placed his forehead on the ground, repeating the following prayer three times: **"MY GOD I BELIEVE, I HOPE, I LOVE THEE. I ASK PARDON FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, NOR ADORE, NOR HOPE, NOR LOVE THEE."**

Rising the Angel said: **"PRAY THUS, THE MOST HOLY HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY WILL ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE TOUCHED BY YOUR PRAYERS."** The Angel then disappeared.

Subject to a supernatural impulse, the children imitated the Angel, and repeated the words that they had heard him say. So impressed were they, that they remained prostrated in prayer for many hours. This apparition was kept a strict secret by the children.

It remained a secret until it was revealed by Sister Lucy a few years ago.

## SECOND ANGELIC APPARITION

In July or August of 1916, as the three shepherd children were playing near the well in Lucy's Garden, the Angel suddenly appeared to them saying: **"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? PRAY, PRAY MUCH! THE HOLY HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY HAVE DESIGNS OF MERCY ON YOU... CONTINUALLY OFFER UP PRAYERS AND SACRIFICES TO THE LORD."**

Lucy then asked the Angel how they would make sacrifices, to which he replied: **"YOU CAN MAKE SACRIFICES OF ALL THINGS. OFFER THEM IN REPARATION FOR ALL THE SINS THAT OFFEND GOD, AND BEG OF HIM THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS. IN THIS WAY, TRY TO DRAW DOWN PEACE UPON YOUR COUNTRY. I AM ITS GUARDIAN ANGEL, THE ANGEL OF PORTUGAL, ABOVE ALL, ACCEPT AND BEAR ALL THE SUFFERINGS WHICH THE LORD WILL WISH TO SEND TO YOU."**

The Angel then disappeared. From that moment, Lucy, Francis and Jacinta undertook to offer to the Lord all that they could suffer for His sake. Their favorite penance was to remain prostrated for hours, repeating the Prayer of the Angel.

## THIRD ANGELIC APPARITION

A few months later, probably about the end of September or the beginning of October, the three shepherds were tending their flock at the foot of the Cabeço hill. Having partaken of a modest lunch. They started to say the Rosary, and repeat the Angel's prayer.

Suddenly they found themselves surrounded by a wonderful brightness, and the Angel appeared to them for the third time.

The Angel held in his hand a Chalice, above which was a Host. From the Host drops of blood were flowing. Leaving the Chalice, and Host mysteriously suspended in the air, the Angel knelt beside the children and made them repeat the following prayer three times."

**"MOST HOLY TRINITY, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST, I ADORE YOU PROFOUNDLY! I OFFER YOU THE MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, PRESENT IN ALL TABERNACLES OF THE WORLD, IN REPARATION FOR ALL THE OUTRAGES WHEREWITH HE HIMSELF IS OFFENDED, THROUGH THE INFINITE MERITS OF HIS SACRED HEART, AND THE INTERCESSION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, GRANT ME THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS."**

Rising the Angel gave the Host to Lucy, and the contents of the Chalice he divided between Francis and Jacinta, saying: **"RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, CRUELLY OUTRAGED BY UNGRATEFUL MEN, ATONE FOR THEIR CRIMES AND CONSOLE YOUR GOD."**

Prostrating himself on the ground, the Angel repeated the prayer: **"MOST HOLY TRINITY, ETC."** The children remained prostrated, the Angel having disappeared, and continued to repeat over and over again the Angel's prayer. It was Francis that first recovered from the ecstasy. Realizing that evening was fast approaching, the children decided to return home. And deep in their hearts they kept these events a sacred secret.

It is evident that these angelic apparitions were but an orientation and preparation for

the great and wondrous events that were to follow in the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. Assuredly they directed the three children in prayer against future assaults of that impious modernistic movement — communism — which professes “not to believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love.” .....



**Sweet Heart of Mary, be my Salvation  
(300 days indulgence)**

# THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**PLACE:** Fatima, Portugal

**PARTICIPANTS:** A Beautiful Lady from Heaven, Lucy and her cousins, Francis and Jacinta

## THE FACTS

The events just related occurred during the second year of World War I. As the world struggled through a third year of devastation, destruction and death, His Holiness Pope Benedict XV issued an earnest appeal for a world crusade of prayer to Our Blessed Mother. The appeal was issued on May 5, 1917. Heaven heard and answered this appeal in a truly wonderful manner, just eight days after it was issued.

## FIRST APPARITION



It is noonday, May 13, 1917. The three shepherd children, Lucy, Francis and Jacinta, were tending their parents flocks at the Cova da Iria, Fatima, and had j u s t completed reciting their Rosary as was their daily c u s t o m , learned through the teaching and training of truly Christian parents, when sudden

flashes of lightning gave indications of a storm. The children prepared to shelter the sheep in a nearby cave. Suddenly, another flash of lightning, brighter than the first brought them to a standstill, frightened and trembling. On the foliage of an evergreen



oak tree there appeared a "Beautiful Lady", all luminous and more resplendent than the sun. With a gesture of motherly kindness she assured: **"FEAR NOT, I COME FROM HEAVEN, COME HERE ON THE 13TH OF EACH MONTH, IN OCTOBER I WILL TELL YOU WHO I AM AND WHAT I WANT. CONTINUE TO SAY YOUR ROSARY DEVOUTLY AS YOU HAVE JUST DONE."**

The "Beautiful Lady" — Our Blessed Mother — Our Lady of Fatima, insisted on the recitation of the Rosary. She even instructed the three shepherd children on how to say the Rosary properly. The Rosary is very dear to the Heart of Mary.

## SECOND APPARITION



JUNE 13, 1917 — The Beautiful Lady again appeared to the children as she had promised. She asked them to return on July 13, and again insisted on the recitation of the Rosary every day. She revealed that she would soon take Francis and Jacinta, but that Lucy would have to remain longer on earth and God would use

her to establish the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world.

As before, the Heavenly Lady extended her hands and brilliant rays shone forth from them. In front of her, to the right, the children saw a heart surrounded with thorns, and they understood that the Immaculate Heart of Mary was demanding penance and reparation. The apparition lasted about ten minutes, when the Lady disappeared.



### THIRD APPARITION

JULY 13, 1917. — The Heavenly Vision appeared for the third time to the children, at the appointed time and place. Again for the third time she insisted on the recitation of the Rosary every day, saying: **"YOU MUST RECITE... THE ROSARY EVERY... DAY."**



**"CONTINUE TO COME... EVERY MONTH, IN OCTOBER I'LL TELL YOU WHO I AM AND WHAT I WANT, AND I SHALL PERFORM A GREAT MIRACLE SO THAT THE WHOLE WORLD MAY BELIEVE YOU."**

Our Lady then confided a secret to them, a part of which Lucy, now a Carmelite Nun has revealed, and which concerns the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Continuing the Beautiful Lady said: **"WHEN MAKING SACRIFICES YOU MUST SAY, 'OH JESUS, IT IS FOR LOVE OF YOU, AND IN REPARATION FOR THE OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.'"**

The Lady from Heaven then opened her hands and a great ray of light seemed to pierce the ground. The children beheld a great fire, in which were plunged black and burning demons and souls in human form, resembling live, transparent coals. Lifted up into the air by the flames, the demons and souls fell back on all sides, like sparks in a conflagration, with neither weight nor balance. The children could hear their screams of pain and despair, which made them shud-

der. The devils were distinguished from human beings by their forms of horrifying and disgusting animals.

The three children were terrified by the vision of hell, and they would have probably died of horror had they not already been assured by the Lady that they were going to heaven. After the vision of hell, the Lady revealed to the children a secret, a part of which is as follows: **"YOU HAVE SEEN HELL WHERE SOULS OF POOR SINNERS GO. TO SAVE SINNERS, OUR LORD WISHES TO ESTABLISH IN THE WORLD DEVOTION TO MY IMMACULATE HEART. IF THEY DO WHAT I TELL YOU, MANY SOULS WILL BE SAVED AND THERE WILL BE PEACE."**

Then the Lady from Heaven, continued: **"THE WAR IS ALMOST OVER (World War I). BUT IF PEOPLE DO NOT STOP OFFENDING GOD, ANOTHER WAR, FAR WORSE THAN THIS ONE, WILL OCCUR DURING THE NEXT PONTIFICATE.**

**"WHEN YOU SEE A NIGHT LIGHTED UP BY A BRILLIANT UNKNOWN LIGHT, YOU WILL KNOW THAT THIS IS THE PUNISHMENT OF THE WORLD BY WAR, FAMINE, AND PERSECUTIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH AND THE HOLY FATHER IS AT HAND.**

**"TO PREVENT THIS, I SHALL COME TO ASK, FIRST, FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO MY IMMACULATE HEART, AND, SECOND, TO ASK FOR HOLY COMMUNIONS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH IN REPARATION FOR SIN. ...**

**"IF THE WORLD WILL LISTEN TO MY REQUESTS, RUSSIA WILL BE CONVERTED AND THERE WILL BE PEACE. IF NOT, ERRORS WILL BE DISSEMINATED OVER**

**THE WORLD, CAUSING WARS AND PERSECUTIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH. MANY GOOD PEOPLE WILL BECOME MARTYRS; THE HOLY FATHER WILL HAVE MUCH TO SUFFER; SEVERAL NATIONS WILL BE WIPED OUT.**

**"BUT, FINALLY MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH, RUSSIA WILL BE CONVERTED AND AN ERA OF PEACE WILL BE CONCEDED TO HUMANITY."**

She cautioned the children to keep these matters a secret, and said: **"WHEN YOU RECITE THE ROSARY, SAY AT THE END OF EACH DECADE: 'O MY JESUS FORGIVE US OUR SINS, PRESERVE US FROM THE FIRE OF HELL, AND BRING ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH MOST NEED YOUR HELP.'" (1)** Then the Heavenly Lady disappeared.

(1) This 'post-decade' prayer has been indulged by the Bishop of Leiria, for his diocese, one hundred days each time.

## **THE FRUSTRATED APPARITION**

The news of these heavenly visits to the children was being spoken of publicly. The Civil Administrator of Ourem definitely anti-clerical, caused the three children to be kidnapped, and kept them imprisoned till after the date set for the next apparition — August 12. Even under the threat of tortures and death in boiling oil, the children refused to reveal the secret confided to them by the Lady from Heaven.

Meanwhile, an assemblage of people, estimated at eighteen thousand, had gathered at



Cova da Iria, the scene of the expected apparition. While there, their attention was drawn to a white cloud usually seen at the other apparitions. It waited a little while and then disappeared. The assemblage, hearing of the kidnapping and imprisonment, was indignant. Defeated in his purpose, the Administrator was forced to release the children.

## THE FOURTH APPARITION

The little Seers did not expect to see the Lady from Heaven until the following month. They were sad and disappointed not to have been able to keep their appointment. They returned to tending their flock. On Sunday, August 18, 1917, they were caring for the sheep at Valinhos.



Suddenly she appeared to them and complained of the action of the civil authorities, stating that the miracle planned for October 13 would be less spectacular on that account. She exhorted the children to recite the Rosary every day and to keep their appointments for the following months.

Continuing to urge the children to practice prayer and penance, the Blessed Lady said: **"PRAY, PRAY VERY MUCH, MAKE SACRIFICES FOR SINNERS, REMEMBER THAT MANY SOULS ARE LOST BECAUSE THERE IS NO ONE TO PRAY AND MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THEM."**

## THE FIFTH APPARITION

September 13 1917. Again the Lady from

Heaven insisted on the daily recitation of the Rosary. She renewed her promise to work a great miracle on October 13. She said that Saint Joseph and the Infant Jesus would be there too, and that Our Lord would bless the world. The Lady from Heaven added that the Blessed Mother would also appear as Our Lady of the Dolors and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. This was the shortest conversation held during the apparitions. The Lady, having completed her mission, departed.



A Vicar General was present incognito at this apparition. He saw the white cloud that heralded the arrival of the Lady from Heaven; also the miracle in the form of a shower of white flowers, which, on coming near the earth, vanished without touching it. A repetition of this miracle at a later date was seen by the Bishop of Leiria.

## THE SIXTH APPARITION

As was to be expected, news of the miracle announced for the sixth and final apparition of Our Lady on October 13, 1917, caused a flurry of excitement all over Portugal. For days before, all roads and byways were thronged with people using all modes of conveyance, while crowds of people traveled on foot. Over 70,000 persons were gathered at Fatima on October 13, 1917, to see the fulfillment of the Beautiful Lady's promise to work a stupendous miracle. The great day dawned disappointingly. It was raining. The day was cold and dismal. Yet, the assembled

crowd was not to be dismayed. The Rosary was continually recited. There was an attitude of sacrifice and piety.



Shortly before noon the children arrived, dressed in their best clothing. Noticing that the crowd was using umbrellas, Lucy cried out: "Put down your umbrellas." Why she said this, to this day, she does not know. Looking up to the sky she said: "She is coming."

For the sixth and final time at Fatima, the Beautiful Lady appeared to the three shepherd children.

### **"I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY"**

As soon as the Beautiful Lady, appeared, Lucy asked her whom she was and what did she want: **"I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY"**, she answered. And again, as in the other apparitions, she insisted on the daily recitation of the Rosary.

Giving the Message of Penance, the **"LADY OF THE ROSARY"** said: **"MEN MUST AMEND THEIR LIVES, AND ASK PARDON FOR THEIR SINS, MEN MUST NO LONGER OFFEND OUR LORD WHO IS ALREADY TOO MUCH OFFENDED."**

The Lady of the Rosary indicated her desire that a Chapel be built in her honor at Fatima.

### **THE GREAT MIRACLE - THE SOLAR PRODIGY**

**October 13 1917.** As the apparition was about to end Our Lady of the Rosary pointed to the heavens. Lucy cried out: "Look at



the sun". Seventy thousand pilgrims raised their eyes to look at the sky. As if by magic, the rain ceased and the sky became clear and blue. The sun shone forth in all its brilliance, dazzling the perplexed pilgrims. Our Lady of Fatima was about to fulfill her promise. The **SOLAR PRODIGY** was on. The sun trembles, shakes, makes abrupt movements and then starts to spin giddily on its axis, like a wheel of fire.

As the sun spun on its axis, huge shafts of multi-colored rays of light — blue, red, green, violet — beamed — on the upturned faces of the multitude, and on the rocks and trees, giving a fantastic tint to the surroundings.

The spectacular feat, which lasted four minutes, held the assemblage spellbound. It eased as suddenly as it had begun, as if to give the crowd a rest. Again for a second and third time the sun repeated this extraordinary performance, which was also witnessed by persons located as far as twenty-five miles distant.

This wonderful miracle had disposed the hearts of those who had witnessed it to greater fervor and devotion. Yet, the miracle was far from over — the culminating point of this great spectacle was about to come.

In the midst of this fantastic and spectacular dance of light and color, the sun left its place in the firmament, tumbled from side to side, and plummeted toward the earth and the assembled pilgrims, emitting increasing rays of heat. Finally it stopped short in its fall and climbed back to its place in the sky, zig-zagging, as when it had descended, and resumed its normal brilliance.

Cries of faith and repentance were heard on every side, as the terrified throng thought that the end of the world was nigh. Cries



of: "GOD, MY GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME." were heard, while others on bended knees implored God for forgiveness of their sins.

## THE MULTIPLE VISION

Meanwhile, as the pilgrims were being entranced by the great miracle of the Solar Prodigy, the three shepherd children, Lucy, Francis and Jacinta were witnessing a multiple vision. This multiple vision took place near the sun, as it was performing its spectacular feat, a feat which was not recorded in any observatory and was not therefore of the natural order.

The first of these visions witnessed by the children of Fatima was a distinct representation of the Holy Family, Our Lady was garbed in white with a mantle of blue; St. Joseph in white, held the Child Jesus, dressed in bright red, on his arm.

Lucy alone saw the next vision of Our Lady of Sorrows without the sword in her breast, and beside her stood her Divine Son. With a look of pity on His Countenance, He raised His hand to bless the world.

Next, Our Lady appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned as Queen of Heaven. On her knee was the infant Jesus.

Here we might ask the question: Why did Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary, appear under these aspects in the multiple vision. We may answer that she wished to impress more deeply on the minds of the faithful the mysteries of the Rosary. The scene of the Holy Family recalls the Joyful Mysteries. The scene of Our Lady of Sorrows represents the Sorrowful Mysteries, whereas Our Lady of Mount Carmel reminds us of the Glorious Mysteries.

## RECAPITULATION

The Beautiful Lady — Our Blessed Mother — Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, had fulfilled her promise. She had returned on October 13, 1917; she had told her name — **"I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY"**; she had delivered her Message — **"PENANCE, DAILY ROSARY, and DEVOTION TO HER IMMACULATE HEART"**; and she had confirmed her message by an outstanding and stupendous miracle before a multitude of 70,000 persons.

Let us recall the various parts of the three fold Message of Our Lady of Fatima:**PENANCE: "MEN MUST NO LONGER OFFEND OUR LORD WHO IS ALREADY TOO MUCH OFFENDED . . . MEN MUST AMEND THEIR LIVES AND ASK PARDON FOR THEIR SINS."**

**DAILY ROSARY: "I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY . . . YOU MUST RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY."**

**IMMACULATE HEART DEVOTION: "OUR LORD WISHES THAT THE DEVOTION TO MY IMMACULATE HEART BE ESTABLISHED IN THE WORLD . . . I SHALL COME TO ASK FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO MY IMMACULATE HEART AND OF REPARATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, IF MY REQUESTS ARE GRANTED RUSSIA WILL BE CONVERTED AND THERE WILL BE PEACE . . ."**

Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, continued: **"OTHERWISE, AN IMPIOUS PROPAGANDA WILL SPREAD ITS ERRORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, RAISING UP WARS AND PERSECUTIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH, MANY WILL BE**

**MARTYRED, THE HOLY FATHER WILL HAVE TO SUFFER MUCH, SEVERAL NATIONS WILL BE WIPED OUT . . . BUT IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH."**

## **THE TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**WHEN WILL THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY TRIUMPH?** Sister Lucy answers that question thus: **"WHEN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER IS MAKING SACRIFICES AND COMPLYING WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA."**

**WHAT ARE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS?** They are threefold: **PENANCE DAILY ROSARY, AND DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.**

**PENANCE:** An amendment of life by way of fidelity to daily duty — offering of sacrifice.

**ROSARY:** Daily recitation of the Rosary, especially the Family Rosary.

**DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:** Personal Consecration and Communion of Reparation on the first Saturday of the month.

## **THE GREAT PROMISE**

Associated with the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the devotion of **FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS.** To those who will practice this devotion Our Lady has made what is known as the **GREAT PROMISE,** as follows:

**"MY CHILD, BEHOLD MY HEART SURROUNDED WITH THE THORNS WHICH UNGRATEFUL MEN PLACE THEREIN AT**

EVERY MOMENT, BY THEIR BLASPHEMIES AND INGRATITUDE, YOU, AT LEAST TRY TO CONSOLE ME AND TELL THEM THAT I PROMISE TO HELP AT THE HOUR OF DEATH, WITH THE GRACES NECESSARY FOR SALVATION, WHOEVER, ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, SHALL CONFESS AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, RECITE FIVE DECADES OF THE ROSARY AND KEEP ME COMPANY FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES WHILE MEDITATING ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY, WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING REPARATION TO ME."

## **CONDITIONS FOR MAKING THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS**

**1. CONFESSION.** Confession may be made eight days prior to or after the First Saturday, provided that Holy Communion is received in the state of grace.

**2. COMMUNION.** Holy Communion to be received on the first Saturday of five consecutive months.

**3. ROSARY.** Recitation of five decades of the Rosary.

**4. MEDITATION.** Meditation on one, several or all of the Mysteries of the Rosary for a period of at least fifteen minutes' duration.

**5.** All these exercises must be offered up with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

# WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT FATIMA

## RESOLVE HERE AND NOW

### 1. AN AMENDMENT OF LIFE:

Let sinners amend their lives.  
Let the good strive to become better.  
Let the better strive to become perfect.  
Let the perfect aspire to and seek sanctity.

### 2. DAILY ROSARY:

Recite the Rosary every day.  
Encourage the **FAMILY ROSARY** in your home.  
Strive to get others to recite the Rosary every day.

### 3. PRACTICE THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

Consecrate yourself, your home, your work to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday of the month, in reparation to the Immaculate Heart.

Practice the devotion of the **FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS**.

## NOW LET US CONSECRATE OURSELVES TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

My Queen and my Mother; to thee do I offer myself without reserve; and to give thee a mark of my devotion I consecrate to thee during this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole person.

Since I belong to thee, O my good Mother, preserve and defend me as thy property and possession.

In temptation say immediately:

My Queen and my Mother, remember that

**I belong to thee; preserve and defend me as thy property and possession.**

**An indulgence of 500 days. (S C. Ind. Aug., 5, 1851. S. P. Ap., Nov. 21, 1936).**

## **COMMENTARY**

### **The Triple Message of Fatima: Penance, Daily Rosary and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

In reading the Story of Fatima two things must be carefully distinguished: the Prodigies and the Message of the Blessed Virgin.

The MESSAGE OF OUR LADY constitutes the object or the end of her apparitions. The PRODIGIES are only the means of proving the heavenly origin of her message.

Probably what strikes us most is the unique Solar Prodigy used to awaken our dormant faith. Of course the important thing to remember is that we must put the recommendations of Our Lady into practice — faithful practice —, as well as spreading the saving news of Fatima to everyone, everywhere.

Let us therefore summarize the MESSAGE of FATIMA. Its Message is threefold consisting of the MESSAGE OF PENANCE, the MESSAGE of the ROSARY, and the MESSAGE of the DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. In so doing we will understand what Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, requires of each and everyone of us. To quote the words of the illustrious Cardinal Schuster of Milan: "If we comply with these demands, Our Lady of Fatima promises us the cessation of the war, the return of Russia to Catholic Unity, and the beginning of a new era of apostolate and conquest for the Catholic Church."

In the following chapters we shall set forth

the triple MESSAGE OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA: PENANCE, DAILY ROSARY, AND DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

Let us study it fervently, lovingly and devoutly, and by faithfully practicing it, and spreading it around us, we will more efficaciously draw down the blessing of God on ourselves, our families, our country and the world.

## THE MESSAGE OF PENANCE

As we have seen in the Angelic Preparation of the three children, the Angel asked for prayers and sacrifices in reparation for the sins of the world, and to obtain the conversion of sinners.



The insistent, ever-recurring content of each apparition emphasized Penance. Our Blessed Mother emphasized the importance and the necessity of an amendment of life. She said: "MEN MUST AMEND THEIR LIVES, AND ASK PARDON FOR THEIR SINS." And again in a more sor-

rowful tone she added: "MEN MUST NO LONGER OFFEND OUR LORD, WHO IS ALREADY OFFENDED TOO MUCH." This shows that we must not only repent of our sins and expiate them faithfully but we must seek to change our lives for the future and break completely with sin, which grieves God and draws down on us His castigation and punishment.

This repeated demand for penance by Our Lady made a deep impression on the children. So great was this impression that they entered an era of penance far beyond their years. Lucy, the sole surviving member of the three Seers of Fatima, says: "That which



has remained most deeply imprinted on my heart is the request of our Heavenly Mother, begging us to no longer offend God Who is already offended too much."

Even Jacinta, the youngest of the three shepherd children of Fatima, says: "Oh, if men only knew what eternity is, how they would make efforts to amend their lives." Continuing, Jacinta added: "The sins of the world are too great. The sins which lead most men to hell are the sins of the flesh. Oh men must do penance! If they amend their lives, Our Lord will still pardon the world, but if they do not, the chastisement will come."

The avoidance of sin, which presupposes a great and everlasting sacrifice at every moment of the day, is to be a part of our daily duty. These sacrifices we must offer up for the conversion of sinners. Thus, those of us religious or laity, who shirk our duties, are to that degree retarding the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Mary has told the world that the triumph of her Immaculate Heart would be a sign of the conversion of Russia, and of world peace. To accomplish that triumph a sufficient number must make sacrifice and fulfill her demands. PENANCE is one of her requests. Let us do penance.

## THE MESSAGE OF THE ROSARY

In each of the apparitions at Fatima, six in all, Our Lady was insistent upon the daily recitation of the Rosary. She made her appearance with a Rosary hanging from her hand. On the occasion of the Solar Prodigy, she was pleased to designate herself as: **"I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY."** Over and over again she insisted on the daily recitation of the Rosary, saying: **"YOU MUST RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY."**

In the days of yore, the Rosary was used to advantage in times of peril that threatened civilization. Again, Mary has come to Fatima to warn mankind of impending evil — and to help us to avoid this evil she recommends the daily Rosary. She has asked us to add an ejaculation at the end of each decade of the Rosary. It is sometimes referred to as the "Post-decade prayer". This ejaculation is: **"O my Jesus forgive us our sins. Save us from the fire of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those who have most need of your help."**

The FAMILY ROSARY is a very effective means of uniting the family. "Where there are two or three gathered together for My sake, there am I in the midst of them." The FAMILY ROSARY raises the family unit to a supernatural level. It unites the parents and children in devout prayer. It is the practical way to unite and strengthen the family life, weakened by the modern way of living. It is an anti-dote to the godless ideology that is sweeping the world.

## POPES AND THE ROSARY

From the voice of the Sovereign Pontiffs has come much praise in favor of the daily recitation of the Rosary. Since the time of St. Dominic more than fifty Popes have raised their voice on behalf of the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII above all has repeatedly explained to the Church the supreme importance of the Rosary, with an insistence so pressing that he has been styled **"THE POPE OF THE ROSARY."**

It is unique in the annals of the Church to see the same Pope speaking to the faithful on one single subject — **THE ROSARY** — in twelve encyclicals and almost as many decrees and apostolic constitutions.

And other Popes have since preached the necessity of the Rosary. Pope Pius X has said: "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers, it is the prayer that touches the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the Family Rosary."

And in support of the weighty authority of the voice of the Popes come the wondrous events of Fatima. Consider the apparitions of Fatima, with their words and prodigies. Recall the great day — October 13, 1917 — when Our Blessed Mother was pleased to reveal herself and designate herself as "I AM THE LADY OF THE ROSARY," in proof of which she caused the incomparable Solar Prodigy.

May we heed the Message of Fatima and practice the daily recitation of the Rosary. Wherever possible may we practice the Family Rosary, the second condition laid down by Our Blessed Mother for bringing this world out of the chaos in which it is struggling.

## **DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

On the occasion of the third apparition — July 13, 1917 — an occasion that may well go down in history as an epoch-making event, Our Lady said to Lucy:

**"OUR LORD WISHES THAT DEVOTION  
TO MY IMMACULATE HEART BE ESTABLISHED  
IN THE WORLD."**

A reading of the account of the third apparition, completed by that of the secret of Fatima, will quickly show that the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary holds an important place in the Message of Fatima. Recall, in the third apparition, the occasion of the terrifying vision of hell, that Our Lady

said: "YOU HAVE JUST SEEN HELL WHERE POOR SINNERS GO. TO SAVE SOULS OUR LORD WISHES TO ESTABLISH IN THE WORLD DEVOTION TO MY IMMACULATE HEART. IF PEOPLE DO WHAT I TELL YOU, MANY SOULS WILL BE SAVED AND THERE WILL BE PEACE."

She added: "... I SHALL ASK FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO MY IMMACULATE HEART, AS WELL AS A COMMUNION OF REPARATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. IF MY REQUESTS ARE HEEDED RUSSIA WILL BE CONVERTED AND THERE WILL BE PEACE, OTHERWISE AN IMPIOUS PROPAGANDA WILL SPREAD ITS ERRORS THROUGH THE WORLD, RAISING UP WARS AND PERSECUTIONS AGAINST THE CHURCH. MANY WILL BE MARTYRED, THE HOLY FATHER WILL HAVE TO SUFFER MUCH, SEVERAL NATIONS WILL BE WIPED OUT... BUT IN THE END MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH."

Our Lady has asked for the Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. She has specified the manner of this consecration, in that it is to be made by the Holy Father together with all the Bishops of the world on a specified date. In the meantime the Message of Fatima must be spread to everyone, everywhere, so that a sufficient number of the faithful will be able to partake in this solemn ceremonial with intelligence and devotion.

We must participate in this devotion by consecrating ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Consecration means one's desire to honor Mary, to belong to her and to obey her. A simple ejaculation would suffice:

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, I consecrate myself to thee."**

The practice of the devotion of the **FIRST SATURDAYS** consists of the following exercises, performed with the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and making reparation to it for the outrages and blasphemies of which it is the object on the part of ungrateful mankind: **1 COMMUNION OF REPARATION on the FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. 2. THE ROSARY. 3. REPARATION PRAYERS: SOME SACRIFICES FOR THE INTENTION.**

Associated with the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the devotion of the **FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS.** This beautiful and efficacious devotion is outlined in detail on another page.

Thus, we exhort you to spend your time in practicing and spreading this beautiful devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mary's other Fatima requests, because the peace and salvation of the world depend upon it. Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph only, as Sister Lucy has told us "**WHEN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS FULFILLING OUR LADY'S REQUESTS.**" One of these requests is the establishment of the **DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



# LET US DO PENANCE



TRUE it is that many people, imbued with the paganistic ideas of our times, never give a thought to their last end.

All they appear to be interested in is the material things of life. They no longer regard this life in the true Christian manner, in so far as it pertains to eternity. And these conditions will steadily grow worse unless we do something about them.

It was to this end — to awaken our dormant sense — that Our Blessed Mother deigned to appear at Fatima, to warn the world of

its impending castigation. To the three little shepherd children of Fatima she spoke about God, eternity, the salvation of souls, eternal happiness, the terrible consequences of sin in this life and in the hereafter, and the great necessity for prayer and penance, if we desire eternal happiness in the next life.

We must regard the Message of Penance of Our Lady of Fatima as a confirmation of the Church's teaching, which in our own times preaches penance as she has always done throughout the ages. Holy Mother Church cries out in a loud voice: **"REPENT! BRING FORTH THEREFORE FRUITS WORTHY OF PENANCE."** And again may we quote the words of John the Baptist: **"DO PENANCE, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."** (Matt. IV 17).

Penance is a detestation of sin, sorrow for having offended God, and a firm resolution to sin no more. Penance is the means of satis-



fying for the injury which sin does to the all-good and just God.

Our Lord, by dying on the Cross, paid the debt contracted by all our sins, and has satisfied Divine Justice. He offered a sacrifice of infinite value. The pardon of sin which God grants to us when we have true sorrow for our sins still leaves us with a part of expiation which we must supply ourselves.

The effect of penance is to detach us from sin and make us more wary and vigilant in the future. It is an efficacious remedy to heal the remains of sin and to reform those vicious habits, contracted through an evil life, which are so opposed to the practice of virtue.

Christ Himself has told us: "If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." (Matt. XVI, 24.) As Christians we cannot relieve ourselves of the obligation of suffering in union with Christ. The crosses and numerous trials and tribulations of life are so many occasions for us to carry the cross and to satisfy for our sins. Too, Divine Justice can be satisfied by our imposing on ourselves voluntary penance and mortifications.

Unfortunately, the subject of mortification is but a source of annoyance to many. Even the very mention of voluntary mortification, sacrifice, and austerity seems to make them recoil, let alone the thought of faithfully putting them into practice. The problems of the world would be simplified if only all would understand that they have a serious and solemn obligation to follow Jesus Christ by carrying the cross.

Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima has told us: **"MANY SOULS GO TO HELL BECAUSE THERE IS NO ONE TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THEM."** These words



imply the unwillingness on the part of some who do not want to suffer, and who do not want to understand that they have a solemn duty to perform. To remind us of that duty Our Blessed Mother deigned to appear six times at Fatima to the three shepherd children, Lucy and her cousins Francis and Jacinta. All the members of Christ's Mystical Body are united by a wonderful union. The prayers and sacrifices of all of us would surely have a wonderful response if they were united.

There never was a more opportune time than now for the serious consideration of this part of Our Lady's recommendations: **"MEN MUST AMEND THEIR LIVES, AND ASK PARDON FOR THEIR SINS... MEN MUST NO LONGER OFFEND OUR LORD, WHO IS ALREADY OFFENDED TOO MUCH."** These were her words at Fatima.

Let us be on guard against sin and cease to offend God. Let us bring about a true conversion by sincere penance. This is necessary if we wish to avoid a continued and further chastisement from the hand of God. Will we hearken to the admonition and recommendation of the Mother of God — Our Lady of Fatima?

**"Now, therefore,"** saith the Lord, **"be converted to Me with all your heart, in fasting and in weeping, and in mourning"** (Joel XI 12).

### **LET US RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY**

History — Church history — reveals to us the efficaciousness of the Rosary. In the conversion of individuals, communities and nations, which is brought about by the grace of God, the Rosary plays an important part. The Rosary is the favorite prayer of Our Blessed Mother, the Mediatrix of all graces. It is

the prayer that the Mother of God recommended on the occasion of every apparition at Fatima. Indeed, Our Blessed Mother, on the occasion of the sixth and final apparition, was pleased to designate herself **"THE LADY OF THE ROSARY."**

The extraordinary publicity which she wished given to her apparitions and the wondrous prodigies that were performed in confirmation of her heavenly Message are proof enough that her Message was intended for the whole world and not for a chosen few. Her Message of the Daily Rosary was intended for each and every one of us. We must regard it as a personal message direct from the Blessed Virgin to each of us individually.

The Rosary is a prayer which is as simple as it is beautiful. It is a prayer that can be recited every day without inconvenience. It is a prayer that takes but a few minutes to recite. Should you find it too long, or your position or condition does not permit you to recite the five decades at once, you can recite a decade at a time throughout the day.

The Rosary may be said at any time of the day. Please do not wait until it is late at night and you are tired and too sleepy to recite it properly. Many spiritual advantages are lost through the improper recitation of the Rosary. Rather say it early just after you get up, or divide it by saying a decade now and again throughout the day, as is convenient.

You can say your Rosary anywhere. There is no specified place in which the Rosary should be recited although more indulgences are gained when it is recited in a church where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed or reserved in the Tabernacle. You can say your Rosary on your way to and back from work.

God dwells in the very midst of your heart when you are in the state of grace. It is very easy to say a few Hail Marys on your beads, which you can and should carry in your pocket.

To pray at various times and in different places may seem out of place to you. Yet it is well to give such a practice very serious thought. You will soon realize that this good practice will bring you much comfort and happiness. You do not need solitude to pray. You can pray even in the busy street if you but put your mind to it. You can and should pray wherever the opportunity affords itself. You can make your work pray for you. You can recite your Rosary, or a few decades off and on during the day. These short prayers will not retard your work. They will even make your work all the easier and more pleasant. The recitation of the Rosary throughout the day will console you in all your trials and tribulations, renew your store of patience, keep you in good spirit and bring a smile to your lips.

Do not feel alarmed at being told to say prayers with your work. If you only knew the good that you can accomplish through such a practice you would not hesitate a moment in putting this into action. While it is recommended that you pray anywhere and everywhere, you are not asked to display an indiscreet piety; rather, you are urged to consider the fact that prayer should be a part of your very self and life. You are asked to lift up your heart and soul to God at all times and in all places.

Is it a waste of effort to ask you to recite the Rosary every day? The daily recitation of the Rosary is one of the recommendations of the Mother of God, Our Mother, Our Lady of Fatima. The Rosary must have a very

special importance and power, because Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of God, deigned to designate herself "**THE LADY OF THE ROSARY**", and she took the pains to teach the three little children of Fatima how to recite the Rosary properly.

Since the days of St. Dominic all the Saints and Holy Mother Church have shown a devoted love for the Rosary. Our Lady has made the Rosary one of the conditions for the peace of the world. Let us heed her recommendation, and as of yore, the Rosary will be the means of bringing peace and serenity to the world, which is now in a state of chaos.

"**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF FATIMA, PRAY FOR US.**" - (300 days indulgence).

### **REPARATION TO MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART**

We know that the word devotion answers to that of devotedness, a vowing of one's self, the consecration of one's self. There is no stronger word than that of devotion to indicate the disposition of heart which makes one ready to do everything, even to suffer, for the one to whom one is devoted.

Just as the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a special devotion to Christ, so the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a special devotion to Our Blessed Mother — Our Lady of Fatima. The object of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the entire person of Mary, is called by theologians the total object. It is distinguished from the direct or proximate object. The direct material object is the real, physical Heart of Mary — the Heart of flesh. It is the same Heart, the living and loving Heart of Our Blessed Mother; the same Heart that loved us so in-

tensely during her sojourn on earth; the same Heart that beat in her breast at the moment of the Incarnation; the same Heart that supplied the precious blood from which Jesus was formed; the same Heart that was rent with grief and sorrow as she stood at the foot of the Cross; the same Heart that now reigns gloriously in Heaven, lovingly watching over the welfare of her children on earth.

There is another object, called the spiritual object, and this is the ardent and almost infinite love of the Mother of God, symbolized by her Immaculate Heart. Herein lies the reason why we honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Being a symbol of love, it signifies in a special manner Mary's love for mankind. Theologians tell us that when we venerate Mary's Immaculate Heart, we should not consider it as a separate, inanimate and insensible part of the body of the Blessed Virgin, but rather as inseparably united with her soul and person. It is not, then, only the Heart of Mary that we honor in this devotion, but the entire person of Mary, under the aspect of a most loving Mother.

Devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart is not an end in itself. It is the means to an end. Mary does not want our love and our hearts for herself but for Jesus. She wants us to love her only that she may teach us how to love Jesus.

The best means of showing love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary is by living a good Catholic life. To love Mary's Immaculate Heart one must refrain from heaping insults upon that loving Heart. A sinner heaps insults upon the Immaculate Heart of Mary when he commits sin. How well the three innocent children of Fatima understood this, when in the vision they saw the Immaculate Heart of Mary surrounded with thorns. They

understood that this indeed was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, wounded by the sins of ungrateful mankind.

Mary's Immaculate Heart demands reparation and atonement. Mary asked for this reparation on several occasions during her apparitions at Fatima. Surely, one can readily understand that if one loves the Immaculate Heart it will pain him to see that Heart so little loved, so often forgotten, reviled and insulted.

Consolation is gladly accepted in sorrow and sadness. Such consolation we give to Mary's Immaculate Heart when we make reparation for all the injuries and insults heaped upon her by thoughtless and ungrateful mankind. She asked the children to console her; She asked for personal consecration and for Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of the month. In addition, she made the GREAT PROMISE for those who would practice the devotion of the Five First Saturdays.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is another one of the conditions laid down by Our Blessed Mother — Our Lady of Fatima — for the return of the world to Jesus through her — through her Immaculate Heart.

Cardinal Cerejeira, Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, speaking on the Immaculate Heart of Mary said: "We believe that the apparitions of Fatima, open a new era, that of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. What has taken place in Portugal is of the miraculous order. It is a forshadowing of what the Immaculate Heart of Mary is preparing for the world."



# YOUR TREASURE - THE ROSARY

In all ages of trouble and tribulation the Church has turned to Mary for aid and comfort. One of the great and most potent weapons that we have outside of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is Mary's Rosary.



The Rosary is our treasure. Many do not realize the great treasure they possess in the Rosary. They go through life fingering and praying their beads without ever taking the trouble to discover for themselves the full richness and beauty of this universally beloved devotion to Our Lady. It is to remind the faithful of the efficacy of this great treasure, our Rosary, that we pen these few words.

The Rosary as recited in the popularly accepted sense (five decades) is not strictly speaking, the complete Rosary. It is really one-third of it. However, in order to gain most of the indulgences attached to this beautiful devotion, it is sufficient to recite a one-third part (five decades) of the Rosary.

The Rosary can be defined as vocal prayer joined with meditation. It is important to keep this definition in mind, since this formula is absolutely necessary for the proper recitation of the Rosary and the gaining of the indulgences attached to it.

There are two essential prayers in the Rosary: The Our Father and the Hail Mary. The other prayers — the Apostles Creed, the Glory be to the Father and other prayers are pious and commendable additions, but they are not essential to the completeness of the Rosary. It is well to note that for the purpose of gaining the indulgences, the recitation of Our

Fathers and Hail Marys must be of vocal nature, even though inaudible. The prayers must be definitely pronounced, whether aloud or in a whisper. Only those with organic speech defects are exempted from this rule.

The second essential part of the Rosary, without which it is not complete, no matter how many Our Fathers or Hail Marys are said, is the meditation on the mysteries of our Redemption. These mysteries are fifteen in number, and they are divided into three groups of five each. The Joyful, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious Mysteries. In praying the Rosary, we meditate on each of the mysteries in turn as we complete each section of ten Hail Marys.

While it is not obligatory to comply with it, the prevailing custom is to recite the Joyful Mysteries on Mondays and Thursdays, the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the Glorious Mysteries on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The mysteries said on Sunday generally vary with the Church Season. The Joyful Mysteries are recited from the first Sunday of Advent to the last Sunday of Advent, the Sorrowful Mysteries from the first Sunday of Lent to Easter Sunday (exclusive), while from Easter Sunday to the first Sunday of Advent (exclusive) the Glorious Mysteries are recited.

Our Lady of Fatima on the occasion of her second apparition to the three shepherd children (June 13, 1917) requested that the following ejaculation be recited after each decade of the Rosary:

**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,  
Save us from the fire of hell!  
Lead all souls to heaven  
Especially those who have most need of your help.**

The Bishop of Leiria has granted an indulgence of one hundred days each time for the recitation of this ejaculation in his diocese.

Holy Mother Church is not severe in her rule about each mystery being meditated upon throughout the actual decade. She realizes that some people find it difficult to concentrate so long on one subject. Hence she has decreed that it is sufficient to have a loving respect for the mystery under consideration, in order to gain the indulgences. At least the mystery under consideration should be brought to mind at the beginning, during, or at the end of the decade.

The Rosary is one of the most richly indulgenced devotions of the Church. Space does not permit the enumeration of all the indulgences attached to the correct and devout recitation of the Rosary. Of course it should not be necessary to remind Catholics that they must be in the state of grace to gain any indulgence attached to the Rosary, or any other devotion. Our Lady of Fatima in her personal appearances at Fatima was insistent on the daily recitation of the Rosary. She was pleased to call herself **"THE LADY OF THE ROSARY."**

Thus, you will realize that your Rosary is your treasure, and you must cherish it and recite it every day, meditating upon the mysteries of our redemption.



# MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

## JOYFUL MYSTERIES

### 1. The Annunciation

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted Our Blessed Lady with the title, **Full of grace**, and announced to her that she was to become the Mother of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Let us adore the Son of God hidden within the womb of Mary, the handmaid of the Lord, and beseech of Him the virtue of humanity.

Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.

#### Ejaculation:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,  
Save us from the fire of hell, and  
lead all souls to heaven, especially those  
who have most need of your help.

### 2. The Visitation

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel that her cousin St. Elizabeth had conceived, went in haste to the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

Let us adore the Son of God, inspiring His most Holy Mother to visit her cousin Saint Elizabeth, and beseech Him to grant unto us the virtue of charity to our neighbor.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **3. The Nativity**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth Our Redeemer Jesus Christ, and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn at Bethlehem.

Let us adore the Son of God, born in a poor stable, of a Mother whose only treasure was her virginal purity, and let us beseech of Him the grace of purity of soul and body.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys, Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **4 The Presentation**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Blessed Mother, on the day of her Purification, presented the Child Jesus in the Temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received Him into his arms.

Let us adore the Son of God, presented in the Temple to His heavenly Father by the hands of Mary, and let us beg that our hearts be freed from the desire of all earthly things.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the Blessed Virgin Mary, after having lost, without any fault of hers, her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought Him for the space of three

days, and at length found Him the third day in the Temple, in the midst of the doctors, discoursing with them, being then of the age of twelve years.

Let us adore the Son of God, who left even His own most tender Mother, when the glory of His heavenly Father called Him, and was found by Mary sitting in the midst of the doctors. Let us beg Our Lord for an ardent zeal to instruct ourselves in our holy faith, and to bring others to the knowledge of it.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

## **THE FIVE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

### **1. The Agony in the Garden**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ was so afflicted for us in the Garden of Gethsemani that His Body was bathed in a sweat of blood, which ran down in great drops upon the ground.

Let us adore Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden, accepting all the horrors of His most cruel Passion, whereby the soul of His most tender Mother was so bitterly afflicted, and let us beg that in all things, however painful and hard, we seek only the will of God.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **2. The Scourging at the Pillar**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, delivered up by Pilate to the fury of the Jews, was most cruelly scourged at a pillar.

Let us adore our Lord Jesus Christ, enduring for our sake that most cruel scourg-



ing, by every stroke of which the most tender Heart of Mary was torn. Let us beg of Him the spirit of mortification.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **3. The Crowning with Thorns**

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the cruel ministers of Satan plaited a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the sacred head of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us adore Jesus our King, crowned in derision with a crown of thorns; the sight of which increased yet more the grief of Mary. Let us ask the grace to overcome human respect.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **4. Jesus Carries His Cross**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to death, bore with the most amazing patience the cross which was laid upon Him for His greater torment and ignominy.

Let us adore Our Lord Jesus Christ bowed down beneath the burden of His cross in Sight of His most tender Mother, resolved to drink with Him the same cup of bitterness. Let us ask of Him the spirit of meekness and patience.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **5. Jesus Dies on the Cross**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how

Our Lord Jesus Christ, having come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of His clothing, and His hands and feet were cruelly nailed to the cross, on which He died, in the presence of His most afflicted Mother.

Let us adore Our Lord Jesus Christ, finishing, by His death on the cross, the great work of our redemption. Let us ask of Him, through the tears of His most sorrowful Mother, the spirit of holy compunction.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

## **THE FIVE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

### **1. The Presentation**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again on the third day, immortal and impassible.

Let us adore Our Divine Saviour, the glorious Conqueror of death, and let us ask of Mary by the joy which filled her soul at the resurrection of her Divine Son, to obtain for us the triumph of Jesus and Mary within our hearts.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **2. The Ascension**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after His resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by Angels, in the sight, and to the great admiration, of His most holy Mother and His Apostles and Disciples.

Let us adore Our Divine Saviour, ascend-

ing into heaven to prepare a place for us.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **3. The Descent of the Holy Ghost**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how Our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated at the right hand of God, sent, as He had promised the Holy Ghost upon His Apostles, who after the Ascension, returned to Jerusalem, and continued in prayer and supplication with the Blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the fulfillment of His promise.

Let us adore Our Divine Saviour, sending from above the Holy Spirit; let us ask of Mary, whom He has appointed to dispense His graces, to obtain for us the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **4. The Assumption**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin after the resurrection of her Divine Son, passed out of his world unto Him, and was assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy Angels.

Let us adore Our Divine Saviour, receiving His gracious Mother into the bosom of His glory, and let us ask her to obtain for us the desire of perfection.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **5. The Coronation**

Let us contemplate, in this mystery, how

the glorious Virgin Mary was, to the great jubilation and exultation of the whole court of heaven, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory, and how all the saints rejoice with her in bliss.

Let us adore Our Divine Saviour, crowning the virtues of His most holy Mother in Heaven; let us beg her to obtain for us the grace to love and imitate them.

**Our Father. Ten Hail Marys. Glory be to the Father.**

**Ejaculation.**

### **THE SALVE REGINA**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears; turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **LET US PRAY**

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

# LITANY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

(For Private use only)

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for our dear country.  
Our Lady of Fatima, sanctify our Clergy.  
Our Lady of Fatima, make our Catholics more fervent.  
Our Lady of Fatima, guide and inspire those who govern us.  
Our Lady of Fatima, cure the sick who confide in you.  
Our Lady of Fatima, console the sorrowful who trust in you.  
Our Lady of Fatima, help those who invoke your aid.  
Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us from all dangers.  
Our Lady of Fatima, help us to resist temptation.  
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us all we lovingly ask of you.  
Our Lady of Fatima, help those who are dear to us.  
Our Lady of Fatima, bring back to the right road our erring brothers.  
Our Lady of Fatima, give us back our ancient terror.  
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain for us pardon of our manifold sins and offences.  
Our Lady of Fatima, bring all men to the feet of your Divine Child.  
Our Lady of Fatima, obtain peace for the World.



## LET US PRAY

O GOD of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in your dear Mother, whom we invoke under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, and grant us by her most powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need. Through Christ Our Lord. - Amen.

✠ ANTONIO,  
Cardinal Patriarch

LISBON, 1928.

# THE HOLY FATHER SPEAKS

Here is a copy of the letter, received from the Holy See, by which His Holiness Pope Pius XII during his glorious reign imparted to you his "SPECIAL APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION", if you are promoting the cause of Our Lady of Fatima.

Vatican City, May 30, 1947.

Segreteria Di Stato

Di

SUA SANTITA

No. 155174



Dear Father Cacella:

It is my pleasing duty to acknowledge the receipt of the two copies of the book "Our Lady of Fatima" and of the February number of St. Anthony's Visitor" which you so kindly forwarded recently for the Holy Father's acceptance.

His Holiness deeply appreciates the sentiments of loyal filial attachment to His August Person which prompted you to place these interesting volumes at His disposal, and He would have me assure you of His paternal gratitude for your thoughtful filial gesture.

Praying that Almighty God may continue to bless the zealous efforts you are making to spread devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, the Sovereign Pontiff lovingly imparts to you and to your collaborators at St. Anthony's Welfare Center His Special Apostolic Benediction.

Gladly availing myself of this occasion to assure you of my high esteem and regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. B. MONTINI, Subst.

Rev. JOSEPH CACELLA,  
St. Anthony's Welfare Center,  
443 East 135th Street,  
New York 54, N. Y.



# THE HOLY FATHER SPEAKS AGAIN

Pope Pius XII, during his glorious reign made his customary appeal for prayers to the Blessed Virgin in May of 1948, and this appeal he made more emphatic by issuing an Encyclical on the subject. To his earnest exhortation to all Christians to "crowd around the altars of the Mother of God" and implore the gift of "mutual, fraternal and complete peace among all nations, and the longed-for harmony among all social classes," he joined the admonition that they add to their prayers "resolutions for Christian renewal and salutary works of penance." For, he said, "our prayers are more readily welcomed by the Most Blessed Virgin when they are not merely fleeting and empty words, but the outpouring of hearts adorned with the required virtues."

Calling attention to his dedication of the whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 31, 1942, the occasion of the Fatima Jubilee Celebration, he added: **"IT IS OUR WISH THAT WHEREVER THE OPPORTUNITY SUGGESTS ITSELF, THE CONSECRATION BE MADE IN THE VARIOUS DIOCESES AS WELL AS IN EACH OF THE PARISHES AND FAMILIES, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ABUNDANT BLESSINGS AND FAVORS FROM HEAVEN WILL SURGE FORTH FROM THIS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC CONSECRATION."** (Auspicia Quaedam, 5-1-'48). The Holy Father has set the example for us by consecrating his own diocese and the City of Rome to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Surely, with him we are in excellent company.

This consecration does not impose new obligations on a Christian. It is reparatory and supplicatory like the Act of Consecration to

the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a devotional consecration, and in no way affects the title of a parish or diocese.

DIOCESES have been consecrated in various ways. The consecration brings blessings but entails no canonical effects or ritual. The bishop's intention to consecrate will naturally find expression in the public reading of the Act of Consecration. The reading of the Act acquires dignity and authority if performed by the bishop from the throne during some solemn function such as a Solemn Mass. Circular letters from the Chancery effectively prepare the faithful to share locally, in these services, with intelligence and devotion.

PARISHES should first spread the MESSAGE OF FATIMA. Sermons from the altar and parochial society activities will facilitate this. Booklets or leaflets, such as the one you are reading, should be distributed gratis. Then at a well attended religious service the priest may read aloud the Act of Consecration, either alone or together with his flock.

FAMILIES may consecrate themselves by reciting a short ejaculation — "Immaculate Heart of Mary, we consecrate ourselves to thee." If more formality is desired one of the parochial priests may be requested to assist at the consecration.

Thus the call from the Holy Father — Pope Pius XII — the Pope of Peace — the Pope of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

God wishes it — Our Blessed Mother requests it — Our Holy Father asked it.

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N. B. - Certificates of Consecration of families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, artistically designed in four colors and suitable for framing, are available from Saint Anthony Center.

# NEW MASS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

August 22nd

**Introit, Hebr. 4,16.** Let us go therefore with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in seasonable aid.

**Ps. 44.2.** My heart uttered a good word: I speak my words to the king.  
V. Glory be to the Father.

## Prayer

**Almighty and eternal God, Who in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary hast prepared a worthy dwelling for the Holy Spirit: mercifully grant that as we devoutly observe the feast of the same Immaculate Heart, we may merit to live according to thy Heart. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.**

**Epistle, Eccli. 24.23-31.** As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odor; and my flowers are the fruit of honor and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life, and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits. For my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me, shall yet hunger, and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. He that hearkeneth to me, shall not be confounded; and they that work by me,

shall not sin. They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

**Gradual, Ps. 12.6.** My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing to the Lord who giveth me good things; yea I will sing to the name of the Lord the most High.

**V. Ps. 44.18.** They shall remember thy name throughout all generations. Therefore shall people praise thee forever, yea forever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia. **V. Luke 1,46-41.** My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Alleluia.

In votive masses after Septuagesima, the following is substituted for the Alleluia and its V.

**Tract. Prov. 8,32-35.** Now therefore, ye children, hear me; Blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. He that shall find me, shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

**Gospel, John 19.25-27.** At that time, there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen his mother and the disciple standing whom he loved, he said to his mother; Woman, behold thy son. After that, he said to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.

### **The Creed**

**Offertory, Luke 1.46-49.** My spirit rejoiced in God my Saviour; because he that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is his name.

**Secret.** Offering to Thy divine majesty, O

Lord, the Immaculate Lamb, we beseech Thee that the divine fire, which ineffably inflamed the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may inflame our hearts. Through the same lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

### Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Communion: John 19.27.** Jesus said to His Mother: Woman behold thy son. After that He said to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.

**Postcommunion:** Refreshed with Thy divine sacraments, Oh Lord, we humbly implore that being freed from present dangers through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the feast of whose Immaculate Heart we have celebrated with solemn rite, we may obtain the joys of eternal life. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost. God, world without end. Amen.



# FATIMA IN THE ETERNAL CITY

## Pope Consecrates the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We now come to the effect produced by all these events at Fatima in ecclesiastical circles in Rome, always extremely reserved in matters of this kind.



In reply to a report of the Portuguese Bishops, Benedict XV wrote on April 29th, 1918, that he had always hoped that the depressing situation of the Church in Portugal was only passing, because the ardent devotion of that country to the Immaculate Conception merited for it an extraordinary aid from the Mother of God. It is beyond doubt that these grave words of the Holy Father alluded to the great events of Fatima, which were then occupying all minds in Portugal.

On November 1st, 1926, the Apostolic Nuncio at Lisbon came spontaneously to Fatima, where after praying and addressing the people, he granted 200 days indulgence.

On January 21st, 1927, the Sacred Congregation of Rites granted to the Sanctuary of Fatima the indult of the Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary.

On May 13th, 1928, the first stone of the Basilica of Fatima was blessed in the presence of a crowd of 300,000 pilgrims. A description of this great pilgrimage, published in the "Osservatore Romano" on June 13th, 1928, was the subject of much comment.

More significant still is the personal act of Pope Pius XI, who, on January 9th, 1929 at the audience of the Portuguese Seminary



in Rome, was pleased to offer to each seminarist two pictures of Our Lady of Fatima. On December 8th of the same year, Pius XI wished to bless personally at the Vatican the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, sent from Portugal for the Portuguese Seminary in Rome. Short of giving a definite judgment, the Sovereign Pontiff could not have manifested in a more expressive manner his opinion and his good will towards these events of Fatima. It is also known that Pius XI wished to read all the acts of the Canonical Process of Fatima in order to acquaint himself personally with such an extraordinary marvel.

On May 13th, 1930, the Portuguese Seminary in Rome celebrated the anniversary of the first apparition of Fatima, and the Sacred Congregation of Rites granted it the indulgence of celebrating the Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary under the rite of a double of the first class.

On October 1st, 1930, the Sacred Penitentiary granted to the faithful who visit individually the Sanctuary of Fatima and pray for the Pope's intention, seven years indulgence, and to those who make the Pilgrimage in a group, a plenary indulgence once a month. As has been said above, it was on October 13th of that year that His Lordship the Bishop of Leiria was to promulgate his Pastoral Letter approving officially the Apparitions and cult of Our Lady of Fatima, and it will be observed that these indulgences granted at Rome on October 1st came just in time to prepare minds to receive with entire confidence the proximate episcopal approbation, which the Holy See has thus discreetly supported.

Pius XII, in his Apostolic Letter "Saeculo exeunte octavo," of June 13th, 1940 addressed

to the Bishops of Portugal to develop the Portuguese missions, said also " . . . Let the faithful, when reciting the Rosary so strongly recommended by Our Lady of Fatima, not omit to address an invocation to the Blessed Virgin in favor of missionary vocations." And at the end of the letter: "God will then bless this holy crusade (of the Missions) and the chivalrous Portuguese people, under the auspices of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary, who obtained the victory of Lepanto."

In their collective Pastoral Letter of 1942 the Portuguese Bishops wrote on this subject: "We are happy to see the Supreme Authority of the Vicar of Jesus Christ evoke thus the testimony of Fatima and proclaim *Urbi et orbi* the name of Our Lady of Fatima in an Apostolic Letter addressed to the Portuguese Bishops, but published for the whole world."

On erecting in Mozambique, in 1941, the new diocese of Nampula, the Holy See gave it officially as Patroness Our Lady of Fatima (A. A. S. 33 (1941), 16).

On the occasion of the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Fatima, The Osservatore Romano of Sunday, May 10th, 1942, published eight large columns in folio with illustrations, on the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

On May 13, 1942, was issued, also from the Vatican Press, the 4th edition of Fr. Fonseca's book: "Le Meraviglie di Fatima", with the Imprimatur of the Vicar-General of Vatican City.

On October 31st, 1942, His Holiness Pius XII associated himself with the closing celebrations of the Jubilee of Fatima; and in his radio message to the Portuguese nation made

the consecration of the world, and of Russia in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (\*)

Quite true, neither the Apparitions nor the message of Fatima are articles of Faith, and the infallibility of the Church is not involved in any of the acts we have just recounted. But without giving any dogmatic judgment, the Holy See could not have manifested in a more expressive manner its opinion and goodwill towards the events of Fatima. And since the visible Head of the Church, after an examination of the documents, believes in the reality of these Apparitions, and recommends the devotion of Our Lady of Fatima, let us follow him; with him we are in excellent company.

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(\*) It is interesting to note that Rome has quite recently given a very striking proof of its desire to promote the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by extending the Office and Feast to the Universal Church. (V. O. M).

### **The Crowds of Fatima**

Fatima is situated in a mountainous region at a distance of about ten miles from the railway station in the plains. In spite of this pilgrims come in great numbers, because forgetting their own comfort, they come to pray, to do penance, and to ask for health of soul and body.

These pilgrimages take place especially on the 13th of each month. This day chosen by Our Lady of the Rosary for Her Apparitions has become in Portugal, a holy day; and as people receive Holy Communion on the First Friday and the First Saturday of the month, so also on the 13th in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

In winter pilgrims are less numerous: 2,000,

3,000 sometimes 5,000. The numbers increase very much in summer, during the months of the Apparitions, reaching one, two, three hundred thousand and more, especially at the two great national pilgrimages on May 13th (the first Apparition), and October 13th.

### The Wonderful Cures

At the fifth and sixth Apparitions, Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima had promised to heal sick persons and hear our prayers. She has not broken her word.

On the very day of the Great Solar Prodigy a wonderful cure took place among the crowd. The number of these cures continued to increase until as at Lourdes, Hospital, a Bureau of Medical Examination, stretcherbearers etc., had to be established at Fatima. The Medical Bureau at Fatima registers an average of 2,000 sick per year. But the majority of the sick do not register. Evidently miracles are rare, and not all sick are cured. But all, or almost all, receive great moral strength, and the inestimable grace of bearing with resignation and merit the cross Divine Providence has imposed on them.

The official organ of the Sanctuary — "The Voice of Fatima" — has already registered about 1,000 cures of all types of diseases; tuberculosis, blindness, meningitis, ulcers of every kind, fractures, Pot's disease, etc. Many of these cures are truly wonderful and an account of them can be read in the books recommended.



# MARY'S GREAT PROMISE AT FATIMA

## THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

"Behold my Heart, surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men placed therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, try to console me and tell them that I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation, whoever, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Confess and receive Holy Communion
2. Recite five decades of the Rosary
3. And Keep me Company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.
4. With the intention of making reparation to me.

NOTE: - The Confession may be made in the 8 days before or after Communion. The Rosary may be recited at any convenient time of the day, and the fifteen-minute meditation may be made at any time of the day, either on all the mysteries as a whole or on one special mystery. The Rosary and meditation may be combined by thinking on each mystery a few minutes before or after reciting the decade. A sermon for the occasion may be substituted for the meditation.

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**Plenary indulgence of each First  
Saturday observance**

## PORTUGAL CROWNS OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**Pope Pius XII addressed nigh on a  
million Pilgrims**

Nearly one million pilgrims attending the celebration of the Coronation of Our Lady of Fatima, were greeted in an address by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on May 13th, 1946 over the facilities of the Vatican Radio.

His address was in Portuguese, and solely spiritual in nature. "None can remain neutral in this struggle" he said in his 15 minute Message to the Pilgrims of Fatima.

His Holiness was represented at the ceremonies by His Eminence Cardinal Masella, as Apostolic Delegate. The Apostolic Delegate met the Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and High Government officials at the historical monument at the Convent of Batalha dedicated to Our Lady of Victory.

Here at Fatima amid solemn ceremonies the act of the Coronation of Our Lady of Fatima took place, on the 29th anniversary of the First Apparition at Fatima, where pilgrims to the number of almost one million were aggregated. The ceremonies commenced at 10 o'clock a. m., and were followed by an address of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, on a devotion that was very dear to his heart—the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.





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**The crown is valued at half million dollars.  
The women of Portugal donated their jewels as a  
gift to Our Lady of Fatima.**

# PROMOTER

## Sodality of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### WHAT IS A PROMOTER?

Generally speaking A PROMOTER is a person who will devote his or her time, energy and talent for the advancement and preference of a certain cause. In this case, the cause is none other than the spread and propagation of the self-chosen devotion of Blessed Mother herself as revealed to the three shepherd children at Fatima in 1917.



Thus a PROMOTER'S call is clear. It is the delivery of the "MESSAGE OF FATIMA" to everyone, everywhere. Especially is it the inculcation of the "MESSAGE OF FATIMA" in our children, so that they will be in a position to carry it on to posterity.

"THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA" is the devotion of REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, though the daily recitation of the Rosary, especially the Family Rosary, and the Five First Saturdays.

This devotion is very dear and close to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Mother, and as such must be a very potent one.



DOES BLESSED MOTHER MEAN ANY-  
THING TO YOU? Isn't she worth a little  
sacrifice? Thus any person who procures at  
least five (5) signed promises that those per-  
sons will recite the Rosary (five (5) decades)  
daily will be deemed a PROMOTER, and as  
such will be entitled to all the spiritual  
benefits accruing therefrom. PLEASE NOTE  
that the signed Promise does NOT bind un-  
der pain of sin, and may be omitted should  
extenuating circumstances prevent the recital,  
or cause undue hardship. However, it may be  
resumed when these conditions have been  
removed. Those who sign a promise or pledge  
will have their names inscribed on a special  
roster, better known as the "GOLDEN BOOK"  
which is deposited at the original Shrine at  
Fatima in Portugal.

Sincerely yours in Our Lady of Fatima,  
**Rt. Rev. Msgr. JOSEPH CACELLA**



# DO YOU KNOW

1. Do you know that this was a war of RETRIBUTION?
2. Do you know WHY? — We ignored the MESSAGE OF FATIMA.
3. Do you know that you can HASTEN THE PEACE?
4. Do you know that you can bring about a JUST AND LASTING PEACE?
5. Do you know that you can save SOULS?  
(conversion of sinners)
6. Do you know that you can REDEEM souls?  
(souls in Purgatory)
7. Do you know that you can SAVE LIVES?  
(cessation of war)
8. Do you know that you can increase the FERVOR OF SOULS?
9. Do you know that you can HELP others?

All these you can and may do, if you but discover the MESSAGE OF FATIMA — it is for everyone everywhere. It must be delivered to them. The MESSAGE OF FATIMA is the devotion of REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY through the Daily Rosary (5 decades), especially the FAMILY ROSARY and the Five First Saturdays. It may be a little inconvenient for you, and I am sure it is but surely Blessed Mother is worth a little sacrifice.

## PROMOTERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

**Will you Help the Cause of Blessed  
Mother?**

Blessed Mother needs promoters for this beautiful devotion. She is asking you. Will you refuse? **TODAY — NOT TOMORROW IS THE TIME, BECOME A PROMOTER TO-**

**DAY.** Booklets and literature in abundance for Promoters.

### **Spiritual Benefits of a Promoter**

All Promoters will share in all Masses celebrated at Saint Anthony's as well as in all devotions and novenas in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. Mass will be celebrated on the 13th of May, June, July, August, September and October, for the Special intentions of all Promoters.



**Praying for a cure of his baby girl**

# DO NOT HESITATE

## AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL MOBILIZATION

Now that you know the MESSAGE OF FATIMA and the means to carry out the recommendations contained therein — WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The answer is simple and plain — accede to the request of the Mother of Jesus, Our Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, by becoming a Promoter for the more widespread and more rapid diffusion of the MESSAGE OF FATIMA to everyone, everywhere.

Help to hasten the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by putting into faithful practice her recommendations given at Fatima in 1917, namely — PENANCE, DAILY ROSARY AND DEVOTION TO HER IMMACULATE HEART.

THEN, SPREAD THE SAVING NEWS OF FATIMA TO EVERYONE EVERYWHERE.

When a sufficient number shall be making sacrifices and complying with the requests of Our Blessed Mother, then — and only then — will the Immaculate Heart of Mary triumph, bringing about the conversion of Russia and peace to this world — a peace which the world itself cannot give.

Our Holy Father Pope Pius XII during his glorious reign wrote us words of encouragement on this beautiful apostolate. He — Christ's Vicar on earth spoke for Christ. Hence, his words to us carried the Message of Christ Himself, bringing with it the seal of approval from the Holy See that our work is not only pleasing to Christ's Vicar but to Christ Himself.



# PRAYER AND SACRIFICE



In 1917 the Mother of God repeatedly asked for **"Prayer and Sacrifice"** now or else . . . here is the price you have had to pay in refusal! (1) Another World War, more terrible than the first within the Pontificate of the next Pope, (2) many good people will be martyred, (3) many nations will be annihilated, (4) Communism will spread its errors throughout the world. Men did not "cease offending God," the prophecies are all accomplished facts . . . an atomic World War III (with a prelude in Korea) stares us in the face and still we refuse to sweat to save shedding of blood. Obeying her requests now would bring about the fulfillment of a definite promise: **"Russia will be converted and there will be peace."** The "sweat" process she demands, so slight and insignificant compared to the tremendous saving in blood and destruction. Yet worried families find it so inconvenient to get together fifteen minutes a day to recite the rosary or go to Communion once a month on the First Saturday. Such a burden to get out of the house for an hour . . . such a tremendous sacrifice to give up a date or a favorite radio or television program . . . such a horrible bother to go to church on a balmy spring night . . . such a . . . ! Oh well . . . think it over! Either we are not interested in the possibility of another war, or . . . we have no faith, no courage, to understand simple facts! Sweat it out now and avoid bloodshed in the future! Refuse and . . . we have only ourselves to accuse. We can't blame God! Certainly . . . (through His Mother) **He has given us plenty of warning!**

# SELF-DESTRUCTION OR SURVIVAL

The world is at the cross-roads now at this hour, and the future is very dark. A huge and evil thundering destruction is threatening us from the East. Governments are trembling in the face of this unrelenting evergrowing evil thing, which threatens utterly to overwhelm the world. Governments turn to every human means to avert the danger, while there is only one Power that is of any use and that is the Power of God, to which few Governments will turn. Men, and seemingly good men, have been falling away from God for many years, in an avalanche of infidelity, such as has seldom, if ever been seen before. Now it is not **only the hour**, but now it seems to be **the last hour for many nations**.

We are to-day threatened with world-wide wars, revolutions, bloodshed and hideous persecutions. It is as certain to come upon us as the sun is in the Heavens, if we do not heed Our Lady's warning. Our Blessed Mother has given us the certain means of preventing this destruction and this terror. Our Lady has done everything to call us to our senses and warn us of our danger. Our Lady is pleading with us for the love of Her Divine Son, for the sake of our little babies, our children, our old and helpless folk, our cripples, our bedridden and our helpless lunatics, and all the persecuted people, for the sake of all that is good and sweet, gentle and pure, to stir ourselves to do as She has asked and to save the world from this cataclysm of hate and horror and unheard-of-hell, to make the little effort needed to save ourselves, our country, our civilization and the world!

Can we and dare we refuse the pleadings of the Immaculate Heart? No, a million times

no ! ! ! Everyone of us must act now and set our minds and wills to do the little asked of us to save the world for Mary and for God!

Now indeed it is the hour, and "The sands of time are running out as mankind faces its moment of decision — self-destruction or survival." (Pope Pius XII).

Now is the Hour! May God save us in this hour!

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### **Our Lady said at Fatima:**

"If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace in the world. If they are not, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church, many will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, many nations will be wiped out."

To those, who embrace the devotion to her Immaculate Heart:

"Their souls will be loved by God with a love of predilection (that is a special love) like flowers placed by Me before His throne!"

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for Salvation all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, keep Me company for a quarter of an hour, while meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making Reparation.

Our Lady told Lucy that: Peace will come "as soon as a sufficient number of people" are doing as She asked.

**Remember: "As soon as a sufficient number."**

# THE CARELESS MAJORITY

The world is filled with careless people who are victims of their own indifference. They are difficult to reach, to arouse, **and yet they are desperately needed.** Somehow they must be made to realize that their **active support** may be the added touch necessary to halt and throw back the enemies of Christ. It won't be easy to get the idea home to them. But it can be done with persistence, a steady hammering of the main idea knocking against their skulls. They must be made to understand first that penance, daily rosary and "cease offending God" are all that can save the world from the insidious slavery of Communism.

Millions of thoughtful people are realizing more and more that the only hope of the world is prayer, sacrifice and "cease offending God." It is the careless ones, the indifferent individuals, by far in the majority, who are the present problem. **They have to be convinced that they are wanted and needed** to make an extra sacrifice, to recite the daily rosary, brought close to our dear Mother and she will snap them out of their careless, thoughtless indifferent way.

Everybody understands the crying demand for more and more prayers and sacrifices if this country is to be saved from the turmoil of Europe and Asia.

You are wanted right now. Be a Promoter!

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**Remember: "As soon as a sufficient number."**

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Literature in abundance will be sent on request — also picture scrolls for consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

# NOW IS THE TIME TO PRAY FOR PEACE

Our Holy Father said: "The sands of time are running out as mankind faces its moment of decision — self-destruction or sur-



Msgr. Cacella, pictured with Miss Isabel Roseira of Lardosa who was miraculously cured of paralysis and tuberculosis at Fatima, on May 13, 1949.

vival." Now is the hour, therefore, to pray for peace. Peace for ourselves, for our country, and for the world. These are the principal objectives of our appeal. Penance, and Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## SILENT TOO LONG

The story of Fatima — the greatest event of our century up to the time of the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven — is now being told the world over. Too long have we neglected it. Too long have ALL TOO MANY been silent. We must now intensify our efforts to publi-

cize Mary's commands at Fatima and do our best to fulfill them.

Perhaps you have some urgent request to place before Our Lady! You may have some perplexing problem, worry, ailment, etc. Why not, then, seek the intercession of Our Bless-



A Sister of St. Dorothy who was completely cured during pilgrimage to Fatima conducted by Father Cacella. May 13, 1949

ed Mother — Our Lady of Fatima? She is tender and kind. She will answer your request if you seek her aid in the right manner, with the proper disposition. Remember her GREAT PROMISE to Lucy, the Seer of Fatima — the promise of the graces needed at the time of death, to all who practice the devotion of the Five first Saturdays. "Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, pray for us."

### **TO THE MOTHERS WHO HAVE BOYS IN THE SERVICE**

We urge strong devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. She alone can inspire and give them courage. Attach a self-imposed condition to your request. It doesn't have to be big. She knows we cannot offer great sacrifices.



# FATIMA AND REPARATION

By Clarence Brissette, O. S. M.

To us, most pleasing . . . when defeat faced the Allies in World War II . . . Pope Pius XII (1942) heeded one of the requests of Fatima, dedicated the world to the Immaculate



Msgr. Cacella's pilgrimage to Fatima  
May 13, 1949

Heart of Mary and established a new universal feast celebrated August 22! Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary . . . the heart of Mary and Fatima surrounded by thorns . . . the gospel of the Mass begins: "Now there stood by the Cross of Jesus, Mary, His Mother." Meditation on the Sorrows of Mary . . . "Consecration to her Immaculate Heart," all with the distinctive objective of making reparation — "cease offending God" . . . her command at Fatima to bring about the conversion of Russia and consequent peace.

Just what do we mean by reparation? A mother loses her husband or one of her chil-

dren... the rest of the family try to repair the loss by being extra attentive and more considerate of her than usual. Friends extend sympathy, bring flowers or have Masses said.



Blessing of the sick at Fatima

They do what they know is pleasing to the mother. Their kindness eases pain and soothes sorrow... they make some sort of "reparation" for the death of a loved one.

And so... meditation on the Sorrows of Mary... seeing the passion of her Innocent Son's horrible death elicits not only compassion, but an intense desire not to be a guilty part of the tragic picture. We can't expect to console the mother... while our own hands are stained with innocent blood! A devout Catholic following the Via Matris (Way of the Mother) week after week... can't help but make resolutions which will help eliminate the reason for her great sorrows! Not natural... to apologize for an offense and then turn around and slap the offended one in the face!

# THE BLOCK ROSARY

1. We are justly alarmed about world conditions. There is no help except from **GOD**. The way to that help is **PRAYER**.

2. Our **BLESSED MOTHER** has made known her wish that we say the **ROSARY**, meditating on its Mysteries.

3. A powerful way of saying the **ROSARY** is for neighbors to gather in one of their homes and recite it together. Men, women and children should all participate. This is known as the **BLOCK ROSARY**.

4. The following procedure is suggested for the **BLOCK ROSARY**.

(a) Neighbors meet in rotation **ONCE** a week, preferably at 7:30 p. m. as **OUR BLESSED MOTHER** wishes to be the honored **GUEST IN ALL** homes until each home has been the place of prayer of all in the neighborhood. The neighbors then return to the first home and continue the rotation.

(b) At the first meeting it is recommended that the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary be said and the Act repeated at each meeting to remind us that we must be faithful in performing **MARY'S** requests, if we wish her intercession as the **All-Powerful Mediatrix of all Graces**.

(c) Recite 5 decades of the Rosary, meditating on the Mysteries. After each decade say: "Oh my **JESUS**, forgive our sins; preserve us from the fire of hell; and bring all souls to heaven especially those which most need your help." In conclusion recite the Hail Holy Queen etc., also "Queen of the Most Holy

Rosary, pray for us," and "Oh Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us."

(d) The intentions of the **BLOCK ROSARY** are:

- (a) Penance in the world.
- (b) The overthrow of atheism and communism.
- (c) The conversion of Russia.
- (d) Renewed fervor among Catholics.
- (e) That there may be One Fold and One Shepherd.

### **ACT OF CONSECRATION**

My Queen and my Mother to thee do I offer myself without any reserve; and to give thee a mark of my devotion I consecrate to thee during this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole person.

**In temptation say immediately**

My Queen and my Mother, remember that I belong to thee, preserve and defend me as thy property and possession.

**An indulgence of 500 days.**

**A plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, if this act of oblation is repeated every day for a month.**

**S. C. Ap., November 21, 1936.**

# HOW TO MAKE A NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- A. Recite any prayers (use indulgenced prayers) for nine consecutive days in any church or your own home, before a picture or statue of the Blessed Virgin.
- B. On each of these days assist at Holy Mass, if possible.
- C. Sometime during the Novena, or at the end of it, confess and receive Holy Communion.
- D. Make every effort to spread the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## INDULGENCES ATTACHED TO THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- (A) All the Faithful who say the approved prayers in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and have the intention of continuing this holy practice for nine consecutive days, may gain an Indulgence of five years, once a day.
- (B) A PLENARY Indulgence may be gained after the Novena is finished on the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

(Pius XI. 4-29-33.)

## SPECIAL INDULGENCES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

- (A) All the Faithful who on any day during the month of August, say any approved prayer in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, or assist at any pious exercise in her honor, may gain an Indulgence of five years.
- (B) Those of the Faithful who have recited the prayers DAILY, or DAILY assisted at some pious exercise with devotion, for the entire month may gain a PLENARY indulgence on the usual conditions of confession, Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

(Pius XI, 6-2-35)

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